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**GW GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION, LAW, PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND  
HEALTH DISCIPLINES RANK IN TOP 25 ACCORDING TO U.S. NEWS'  
POPULAR AMERICA'S BEST GRADUATE SCHOOLS SURVEY**

**Environmental Law, Intellectual Property Law, International Law,  
Physician Assistant and Rehabilitation Counseling Specialties All Rank in Top Six**

*Washington, D.C.* -- The George Washington University's Graduate School of Education and Human Development, Law School, and graduate programs in health and public affairs were ranked among the top 25 in the latest **America's Best Graduate Schools** issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, a popular guide for students pursuing graduate-level education. The issue will be on newstands Monday, April 7.

The **Graduate School of Education and Human Development** has entered the elite ranks of schools in the country, tying for 19<sup>th</sup> on the list -- and 8<sup>th</sup> best among private institutions. The School jumped from 35<sup>th</sup> and is among 188 schools granting doctoral degrees surveyed this year.

The **GW Law School** is tied for 22<sup>nd</sup> on this year's list -- moving up from a ranking of 25<sup>th</sup> last year. Among law specialties, and newly ranked this year, the **environmental law** program is tied for 6<sup>th</sup> -- moving up from a previous ranking of 9<sup>th</sup>. The **intellectual property** law program is ranked as the nation's second best, while the **international law** program is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the country. Additionally, the GW Law School was recognized as having one of the most racially diverse student bodies in the nation, ranking 18<sup>th</sup> on the list for "Law School Diversity."

*U.S. News* also included in this year's "best" edition its most recent analysis of various health professions -- and once again, GW ranked high on the list. Newly ranked this year, GW's **physician assistant** program came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation, while the **rehabilitation counseling** program is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> -- moving up two places. The **speech-language pathology** program is 30<sup>th</sup>.

Also listed in *U.S. News*' rankings is GW's Public Affairs Program, which encompasses disciplines in public administration in the **School of Business and Public Management** and public policy in the **Columbian College of Arts and Sciences** and **Elliott School of International Affairs**. In the most recent analysis, the program was ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the nation, based on a nationwide survey of 259 master's programs in public affairs.

*U.S. News* has been publishing **America's Best Graduate Schools** on an annual basis since 1990. According to the magazine, schools are measured using objective data (obtained by *U.S. News* from colleges and universities) and reputational ratings.

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## **GW RANKS 12<sup>TH</sup> NATIONALLY IN PEACE CORPS' LIST OF TOP VOLUNTEER-PRODUCING MEDIUM-SIZE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

**WASHINGTON** — With 31 alumni actively serving as volunteers overseas, The George Washington University ranked 12<sup>th</sup> nationally in the Peace Corps' annual list of volunteer-producing medium-size colleges and universities. GW was ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> last year among large schools.

This year the Peace Corps changed the ranking categories. For the purposes of fairly ranking the schools according to the size of the student body, small schools are those with less than 5,000 undergraduates, medium-size schools are those with up to 15,000 undergraduates and large schools are those with more than 15,000 undergraduates. GW has 8,500 full-time undergraduates.

"GW students have a heart of gold and it's encouraging to see their dedication to others," GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said. "This year's ranking undoubtedly reflects the extraordinary talent and spirit of volunteerism enjoyed by students who attend GW."

"The Peace Corps is proud of the recruitment support it continues to receive from some of the finest institutions in the country," said Gaddi Vasquez, director of the Peace Corps. "We are grateful for the productive working relationships it has with the staff and students of each school allowing the agency to increase its recruiting numbers each year."

College graduates account for the majority of volunteers who have served in the Peace Corps over the past 42 years. Currently, 86 percent of the volunteers have an undergraduate degree and 12 percent hold graduate degrees or have studied at the graduate level.

Since 1961, more than 168,000 volunteers have served in the Peace Corps, working in such diverse fields as education, health and HIV/AIDS awareness and education, information technology, business development, the environment and agriculture. Peace Corps volunteers must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age. Peace Corps service is a two-year commitment.

Located four blocks from the White House, The George Washington University was created by an Act of Congress in 1821. Today, GW is the largest institution of higher education in the nation's capital. The University offers comprehensive programs of undergraduate and graduate liberal arts study as well as degree programs in medicine, law, engineering, education, business/public management and international affairs.

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**GW STUDY ON OIL CRISIS DURING FIRST GULF WAR SHEDS  
LIGHT ON TODAY'S PRICE VOLATILITY**

**WASHINGTON** – A combination of political events and market fundamentals, rather than speculation, is behind the current volatility in the oil market, according to research by Robert J. Weiner, a professor of international business and international affairs at GW's School of Business and Public Management. Weiner's work was funded by GW's Center for the Study of Globalization.

The study focused on speculation on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), finding that trading activity on the NYMEX contributed less to price volatility during the 1990-91 Gulf War than before or afterward. This suggests that government efforts aimed at curbing speculation, such as closing the market during crises, does not reduce volatility and may actually exacerbate price fluctuations.

Crude oil prices have been highly volatile in the period leading up to the current war, reaching a peak of nearly \$38 a barrel in March 2003, up from about \$25 late last year. Once the current war began, oil prices fell sharply to \$29 a barrel. This followed a pattern laid out by Weiner in his study of the first war against Iraq, when the oil market was characterized by considerable price fluctuation both before and after the Gulf War.

Oil prices fell sharply once uncertainty ended about whether a war would break out in Iraq and are likely to fall sharply again in the event of a relatively quick resolution, according to Weiner. Volatility will continue as long as the underlying fundamentals remain unstable, such as Iraq's ability to set fire to oil fields, the effect on neighboring oil producers, as well as the likelihood of a prolonged conflict. View the full Gulf Crisis report online at [www.gwu.edu/~gwcs/OPS/weiner.pdf](http://www.gwu.edu/~gwcs/OPS/weiner.pdf).

The GW Center for the Study of Globalization was established to promote research and public education on the various forces that are driving globalization, the implications of globalization for business strategy and government policy, and the effects of globalization on people's daily lives.

GW's School of Business and Public Management, located in Washington, D.C., prepares students for professional management careers. The depth and variety of its academic and professional programs, including seven specialized master's programs, provides rich opportunities for students in the school's core bachelor of business administration, master of business administration and doctoral programs. GW's undergraduate program in business has been ranked among the top 50 for three consecutive years by *U.S. News & World Report*, and GW's undergraduate- and graduate-level international business programs rank among the top 15.

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"TREASURES FROM THE JEWISH CULTURAL RENAISSANCE IN GERMANY, 1898-1938"  
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**EVENT:** "Treasures from the Jewish Cultural Renaissance in Germany, 1898-1938," an exhibit featuring more than 60 original works from this fascinating era of Jewish Cultural rebirth in Germany. The exhibit includes monographs, journals, art portfolios, as well as manuscripts and photographs. A 16-page Exhibit Guide accompanies the display to lend historic context to the most influential figures and creations of this period.

**WHEN:** Now through August 28, 2003  
Collection Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by special appointment

**WHERE:** The George Washington University  
The Gelman Library, Kiev Judaica Collection, Room 710  
2130 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** Free and open to the public.

**BACKGROUND:**

Before Hitler unleashed his wrath on European Jewry, there existed a period of rebirth and rediscovery of Jewish culture and the Hebrew language in Germany. Jewish writers, poets and painters from Germany and Eastern Europe consciously advanced a collective identity among German Jewry and established publishing houses, journals, adult education systems, libraries, schools, youth activities, museums and music associations. Berlin became a center for literary, artistic and scholarly expression of Jewish thought and culture.

The Gelman Library is fortunate to possess some of the treasures from this time thanks to Rabbi I. Edward Kiev's involvement in the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction – an organization that worked to inventory and rescue books and artifacts after World War II that had been stolen by the Nazis.

The Kiev Judaica Collection was established in 1996 following the donation of 18,000 volumes by Ari and Phyllis Kiev. The collection was originally that of Rabbi Kiev, who served for 32 years as chief librarian of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in New York City. He was associated with the HUC-JIR library and served as chaplain of Sea View Hospital in New York for nearly 50 years until his passing in 1975. The collection has grown to over 22,000 volumes through the generosity of the Kiev Foundation and the Friends of the Kiev Collection, or *chevruta*.

**For more information on the exhibit, contact Amy Stempler at  
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**WHERE IS ROMANIA NOW AFTER 12 YEARS SINCE  
THE FALL OF COMMUNISM?**

**Mariana Stoian from the Romanian Embassy will Delve into her Country's History,  
Culture and Tradition at Latest GW University Club International Speaker Program  
April 8**

**EVENT:** "Where is Romania Now After 12 Years Since the Fall of Communism?" a program featuring Mariana Stoian from the Romanian Embassy who will discuss her country's history, culture and tradition. The event is part of The George Washington University Club's International Connection Speaker Series.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 8, 2003  
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The George Washington University Club  
1918 F Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Orange and Blue lines)

**COST:** Members and guests \$15.95 per person. Non-members \$19.95 per person.

**BACKGROUND:**

Stoian will focus on present day Romania, acknowledging the efforts made by the Romanian people to make their society compatible with Western civilization. The economic, political, social and cultural approaches by Romania will be analyzed from the perspective of two major objectives: their integration into the European Union and into the NATO Alliance – Romania received the invitation to join the NATO Alliance in November 2002. The historical opportunity for Romania now implies new obligations, new approaches and new challenges.

Stoian was born and raised in Romania. She attended Bucharest University where she received her B.A. in history and philosophy and her M.A. in international relations. She taught high school history and political sciences for two years and joined the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1991. Currently, she is accompanying her husband, who is the deputy chief of mission at the Romanian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

**Reservations are required and cancellation policy applies. Please call the club receptionist at (202) 994-2355 to make a reservation. Valet parking is \$5.00 per car.**

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**GW HOSTS FIRST MAJOR EXHIBITION IN THE UNITED STATES OF RARE  
NORTHWEST PERSIAN TEXTILES**

**Exquisite Antique Woven Containers Featured at GW's Luther W. Brady Art Gallery  
April 10-25**

**EVENT:** *Khorjin and Mafrash from U.S. Collections*, an exhibition of extraordinarily rare and beautiful antique woven containers from Northwest Persia used for the transport of personal belongings and bedding. This exhibition is held at The George Washington University's Luther W. Brady Art Gallery in conjunction with the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Oriental Carpets from April 17-23 in Washington, D.C.

**WHEN:** April 10 – 25, 2003  
Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Luther W. Brady Art Gallery  
Media and Public Affairs Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
805 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** Free and open to the public

**BACKGROUND:**

An integral component of this year's International Conference on Oriental Carpets is the exhibition *Khorjin and Mafrash from U.S. Collections*, which took more than three years of planning. The George Washington University is one of only three participating institutions – along with The Textile Museum and The Corcoran Gallery of Art – by special arrangements made with the conference's planners in Washington. Aesthetic interpretation of the embroideries relates them specifically to other types and classes of textiles and generally to the visual arts across media, geography and culture. Scholarship furthers our understanding of how the embroideries reflect the worldview of their makers, relating the textiles to other aspects of Northwest Persian material culture, and placing them within their religious, cultural and historical context.

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Approximately 60 examples of khorjin (two-pouched saddlebags) and mafrash (box-like storage and transport bags) will be on view in the Luther W. Brady Art Gallery and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lobby cases. These rare bags often represent the epitome of personal Near Eastern textile art in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Many objects will be complete with original backs, conveying information rarely seen in any exhibition of like material. Others will be the decorated faces of the bags. The objects will illustrate several structural techniques used in the region: sumak wrapping, kilim and pile, among others. *Sumak Bags of Northwest Persia and Transcaucasia* written by John Wertime, co-curator of the exhibition, explains that sumak is a sophisticated flatweaving technique used for transport bags in the Near East.

The woolen khorjin and mafrash were woven by nomadic pastoralists and village-based women in Northwest Persia and Transcaucasia and represent some of the oldest bags of their kind to survive. While the khorjin and mafrash in the exhibit are predominantly from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the roots of this woven art appear in the area as early as the 5<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> millennia B.C.

The first International Conference on Oriental Carpets was held in 1976, during a Festival of Islam in London, and was attended by an unanticipated and overwhelming crowd of 500 or more. Each international conference since 1986 has featured between six and eight exhibitions, often landmarks in the field of carpet and textile art. The conference in Washington this year coincides with the celebrations of Passover and Easter. The appreciation of the artistry and decorative art of the Oriental carpet crosses borders and cultural identities, and may be viewed as a much-needed bridge to cultural understanding. Thus, popular appeal of collecting carpets proves to engender a gathering of ideas. This international conference is dedicated to advancing the understanding of carpet and related textile arts, primarily of the eastern hemisphere.

The exhibition at the Luther W. Brady Art Gallery is curated by Wendel Swan and John Wertime, and coordinated by Seymour Perlin, M.D.

**For more information, please call Lenore Miller, director of  
GW's University Art Galleries at (202) 994-1525.**

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**FREE TRADE VERSUS FAIR TRADE:  
DOES GLOBAL TRADE HELP RICH OR POOR COUNTRIES?  
APRIL 8**

**GW Student Forum on the Implications of Global Trade Policy**

**EVENT:** With the spring World Bank/IMF meetings just days away, the free trade versus fair trade debate is receiving renewed public interest. In an effort to bring greater understanding to its issues and implications, the GW Center for the Study of Globalization, the International Affairs Society and OXFAM Change have organized a student forum, inviting some of D.C.'s leading thinkers to debate on the merits of international trade. Students are invited and encouraged to attend this forum to pose questions and exchange points of view on these important and hotly contested issues.

**SPEAKERS:**

**Steven Suranovic**, associate professor of economics and international affairs, The George Washington University

**Dean Baker**, co-director, Center for Economic and Policy Research

**William Cline**, senior fellow at the Center for Global Development and Institute for International Economics

**Daniel Griswold**, associate director, Center for Trade Policy Studies, the Cato Institute

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6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The George Washington University Marvin Center, Room 310  
800 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, Washington, D.C.  
(Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**BACKGROUND:**

In the era of globalization, few issues are as contentious as international trade. While its advocates argue that global trade boosts prosperity for rich and poor nations alike, opponents counter that international regimes of commerce such as the World Trade Organization are hugely biased in favor of wealthy nations.

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Globalization at [www.gwu.edu/~gwcs](http://www.gwu.edu/~gwcs).  
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**GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S "RUDDIGORE" TO CAST A SPELL ON WASHINGTON  
APRIL 23-27**

**Comic Musical Presented by GW's Department of Theatre & Dance and Department of Music**

**EVENT:** "Ruddigore," a comic musical in two acts by W.S. Gilbert & Arthur Sullivan, is a joint production of The George Washington University Department of Theatre & Dance and Department of Music. Leslie Jacobsen, professor of theatre, is the director of "Ruddigore," with music direction by Matthew Mehaffey, assistant professor of music, and choreography by Mary Buckley, assistant professor of dance. The musical will feature a 13-piece orchestra.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. (Preview)  
Thursday, April 24 – Saturday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, April 27, at 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The George Washington University  
Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, Marvin Center  
800 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, Washington, D.C.  
(Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro Station, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** \$5 – Preview rate for April 23 performance only  
\$8 – GW Students; \$10 – General Admission  
Tickets available at all Ticketmaster outlets, call (202) 432-SEAT (7328).  
GW's Ticketmaster is located on the ground floor of the Marvin Center.

**BACKGROUND:**

"Ruddigore" is set in the Cornish villiage of Rederring and satirizes gothic horror stories. None of the village girls stand a chance of marriage because all the village lads love Rose Maybud, but are too shy to court her. Robin Oakapple also loves Rose, but when he becomes the wicked Baronet of Ruddigore, he must commit one major crime a day or die in agony. The ghosts of his ancestors step from their picture frames to confront him for not conscientiously carrying out this duty.

"Ruddigore" or the Witch's Curse opened on January 22, 1887, at the Savoy Theatre in London. The production ran for 288 performances. The work of Gilbert & Sullivan has shown a popularity and longevity bested only by that of Shakespeare. Their new style of performance revolutionized theatre in the late 1800s.

Leslie Jacobson, chair of the Department of Theatre & Dance at GW, joined the faculty in 1977. As a freelance director, she has worked at Olney Theatre, The Center Company and Theatre J in the D.C. area, as well as regional theatres in Colorado, Boston, Atlanta and Pennsylvania. She also is the artistic director of Horizons Theatre, now in its 26th year and the "longest running" women's theatre in the United States. Matthew Mehaffey, director of choral activities at GW, conducts the University Singers and the Chamber Choir. He has musically directed many shows including: *Annie Get Your Gun*, *On the Twentieth Century*, *Of Thee I Sing*, *A Little Night Music*, *West Side Story*, *Me and My Girl*, *Call me Madam* and *Pirates of Penzance*.

**For more information, visit the Department of Theatre & Dance at [www.gwu.edu/~theatre](http://www.gwu.edu/~theatre).**

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35<sup>TH</sup> TO 19<sup>TH</sup> IN *U.S. NEWS' AMERICA'S BEST GRADUATE SCHOOLS SURVEY***

**GSEHD's Rehabilitation Counseling Program Ranked in Top 5**

**WASHINGTON** – The George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development (GSEHD) was ranked 19<sup>th</sup> among schools of education in the latest *America's Best Graduate Schools* issue of *U.S. News & World Report*. The popular guide for students pursuing graduate-level education will be available on newsstands Monday, April 7.

"I am so proud that the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings are evidence of the hard work and dedication exhibited by our faculty, students and staff over the past year," said Mary Hatwood Futrell, dean of GSEHD.

Tied with Temple University for 19<sup>th</sup>, GSEHD made a significant jump from the previous *U.S. News* ranking of 35<sup>th</sup>. GSEHD is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> among private institutions, up from its ranking of 11<sup>th</sup> which it held for four consecutive years, and the school is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> among private nationally accredited schools of education. GSEHD's rehabilitation counseling program moved up two places to 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

"The significant improvement in our ranking is attributable to a faculty fully committed to providing students the highest quality education possible," said Futrell.

GSEHD continues to rate exceedingly well in research funding, ranking 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation in research dollars per faculty member, 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation in total funded research and 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation in total funded research among private institutions.

*U.S. News* has been publishing *America's Best Graduate Schools* on an annual basis since 1990. According to the magazine, schools are measured using objective data (obtained by *U.S. News* from colleges and universities) and reputational ratings. Graduate programs at 188 schools of education granting doctoral degrees were surveyed.

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**“SECURING AMERICA’S BORDERS”**

**GW’S ELLIOTT SCHOOL AND THE ANSER INSTITUTE HOST LEADING EXPERTS TO  
DISCUSS BORDER AND TRANSPORTATION SECURITY**

**APRIL 11**

**EVENT:** “Securing America’s Borders,” the 3<sup>rd</sup> in a four-part series on homeland security issues. This half-day seminar will examine the terrorist threat within and immediately outside U.S. borders, including transportation and infrastructure security on land, at sea and in the air. The panelists are experts in the field of border and transportation security and advise government and corporate institutions in this area of policy.

**WHEN:** Friday, April 11, 2003  
Panel discussions from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Elliott School of International Affairs  
1957 E Street, NW, Room 602  
Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**AGENDA:**

**Panel One: Securing Borders and People:**

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Randy Larsen**, vice president and director of the ANSER Institute for Homeland Security; advisor on the 9/11 Commission; former chairman of the Department of Military Strategy and Operations, National War College.

**Raymond F. Humphrey**, CPP (Board Certified in Security Management), owner and president of *Humphrey & Company*, a security risk management consultancy service for private and government clients.

**Fernando Mark Rondon**, senior advisor, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

**Panel Two: Securing Transportation Systems:**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Jack Harrauld**, director, Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management and professor of engineering management, The George Washington University.

**Vahid Motavelli**, co-director of the Aviation Institute and director of the Aviation Safety and Security Program, The George Washington University.

**David Pascoe**, director of Technical Services; Corbett, Holt/Gallagher Marine – manages U.S.-driven security requirements and compliance with international and U.S. security requirements; former U.S. representative to the International Maritime Organization.

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**BACKGROUND:**

The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs is teaming with the ANSER Institute for Homeland Security to sponsor a series of one-day seminars focused on the challenges faced by America's homeland security policy and the new Department of Homeland Security.

The last seminar in the series on *Consequence Management: Civilian and Military Response*, will take place on May 9.

**This event is free and open to the public.**

**For more information on upcoming homeland security seminars contact: Kathleen Reilly at (202) 994-1650 or [reilly@gwu.edu](mailto:reilly@gwu.edu).**

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**"60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAVING OF THE BULGARIAN JEWS  
FROM THE NAZI HOLOCAUST"  
APRIL 15**

**Screening of "The Optimists" will Feature a Discussion with GW Professor Walter Reich**

**EVENT:** "60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Saving of the Bulgarian Jews From the Nazi Holocaust," a program featuring the screening and discussion of "The Optimists," a film about the incredible rescue of Bulgaria's Jews during World War II. Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United States **Her Excellency Elena Poptodorova** and George Washington University **President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg** will make opening remarks. **Walter Reich**, Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Professor of International Affairs, Ethics and Human Behavior at GW and former director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, will offer commentary before and after the film. This event is sponsored by the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria and GW.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 15, 2003  
5:00 p.m. (reception to follow)

**WHERE:** 1957 E Street, NW, Room 213  
Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** Free and open to the public. Call (202) 994-7129 to RSVP.

**BACKGROUND:**

"The Optimists" helps build awareness about a time and place in which the relentless evil of the Holocaust was, in large measure, vanquished by common decency and uncommon courage.

Filmmaker Jacky Comforty is the son of Bulgarian Jews; his paternal grandparents and extended family were among those rounded up for the train ride to Treblinka. He has long been determined to tell the story of the Bulgarian Jews, and to do so before those who lived it have passed away.

In 1990, Comforty and his wife, Lisa Vogel Comforty, spent four months in Bulgaria, Israel and Spain, filming over 160 hours of interviews, on-location documenting of communities, social events, landscapes and other scenes. "The Optimists" is a presentation of Comforty Media Concepts and the Chambon Foundation.

The new building at 1957 E Street, NW, houses GW's Elliott School of International Affairs.

**For more information about "The Optimists," visit [www.theoptimists.com](http://www.theoptimists.com).**

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**LARRY KING TO PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS TO  
FOUR GW MEDIA AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS STUDENTS  
APRIL 16**

**The "King of Talk" Presents Awards from his 1999 Donation of \$1 Million Dollars to GW**

**WASHINGTON** — CNN talk show host and author Larry King will present the first two undergraduate Larry King Scholars with \$10,000 scholarships and two graduate scholars with \$15,000 scholarships in an award ceremony at The George Washington University School of Media and Public Affairs (SMPA).

**The ceremony and reception will take place on Wednesday, April 16, at noon on the second floor gallery of the Media and Public Affairs Building (805 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW).**

In 1999, King committed \$1 million to grant scholarships to assist students in the SMPA from disadvantaged backgrounds who embody a passion for learning and the native curiosity critical to a prosperous media career. King's gift is part of GW's Centuries Campaign, a university-wide program to secure \$500 million in support for endowment, current programs, equipment and facilities.

"I think it is so important for those blessed with careers in the media to help those who are just getting started. I never went to college, but I recognize how important a degree is in this business," said King. "I am proud and honored to be able to provide these scholarships and to be associated with the excellent GW journalism school. I still owe a debt of gratitude to those who took me under their wing when I first started in broadcasting, and I hope these scholarships will give aspiring journalists a chance they might not otherwise have had."

"Larry King is a great friend of this University," said GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. "He cares about the aspirations of our media students and is helping their dreams come true. With his generous donation, the School of Media and Public Affairs can continue to be one of the best in the nation."

Celebrating his 45<sup>th</sup> year in broadcasting in 2002, CNN's Larry King is the host of the network's "Larry King Live," the first worldwide phone-in television talk show and the network's highest-rated program. The Emmy Award-winning King and author of 12 books has been dubbed "the most remarkable talk-show host on TV ever" by *TV Guide* and "master of the mic" by *TIME* magazine. With more than 40,000 interviews to his credit, he is one of the most esteemed personalities in the industry. In 1996, King received an honorary degree from GW as part of the University's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

The School of Media and Public Affairs, which has 18 full-time faculty, more than 400 undergraduate students and 25 graduate students, is committed to investigate and teach how ideas and information are communicated through the media and how media function as a central ingredient of a democracy. The school combines liberal arts education with professional skills, promoting a combination of theory and practice.

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**GW PROFESSOR JANET STEELE RECEIVES FULBRIGHT GRANT  
TO TEACH JOURNALISM IN INDONESIA**

**WASHINGTON** — Janet Steele, associate professor at The George Washington University School of Media Public Affairs (SMPA), was awarded a Fulbright Senior Specialists grant in communications and journalism at Institut Studi Arus Informasi (ISAI), the institute for the study of the free flow of information in Indonesia. ISAI is a non-government organization established by Indonesian editor, poet and political activist Goenawan Mohamad to develop press freedom in Indonesia.

“Professor Steele has a great deal to offer the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program and we are pleased that her expertise has been recognized in this way,” Donald R. Lehman, executive vice president for Academic Affairs said. “I am sure that all parties will benefit greatly from her participation.”

Fluent in Indonesian and an expert on the history of the country’s weekly news magazine *Tempo*, Steele plans to teach narrative journalism through a series of workshops and projects that will allow Indonesians to explore the role of the press in a free society. “ISAI has been instrumental in establishing a number of programs that strengthen the institutional fabric of democracy in modern Indonesia, including a liberal Muslim network, an independent journalists’ association and a national press council,” said Steele. “It’s a good chance to talk about press issues — news, how it’s created and its role in a democracy — that are relevant to both Indonesian and American society.”

The program starts May 19, 2003 and continues for 17 days. While there, Steele also plans to assist ISAI in developing a journalism curriculum and building linkages with GW’s SMPA.

The Fulbright Senior Specialists Program offers grants to leading U.S. academics and professionals to support curricular and faculty development and institutional planning at academic institutions in 140 countries. Created to complement the traditional Fulbright Scholar Program, the Senior Specialists Program aims at increasing the mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and managed by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars.

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**GW DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION HONORS 1990 GRADUATE  
WITH DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

**Honor Goes to Winnie Stachelberg, Political Director of the Human Rights Campaign**

**WASHINGTON** – The George Washington University Department of Public Administration has honored Winnie Stachelberg with the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2003, an annual award given for outstanding accomplishment in the field of public service. The award was presented during a reception attended by public administration students, faculty and alumni.

“We have been awarding the Distinguished Alumni Award for two decades,” said Kathy Newcomer, professor of public administration and department chair. “These alumni have made extremely distinguished contributions in their field, whether that be within government, the nonprofit world or the public policy research community. Our master of public administration (MPA) alumni serve in impressive positions across the public, nonprofit and private sectors, so it is always quite difficult to select just one for recognition.”

“I am thrilled and honored to join so many distinguished alumni before me,” said Stachelberg, who is the 25<sup>th</sup> recipient of the award since its establishment in 1983. “GW’s MPA program continues to serve me well in my career.”

Stachelberg, who earned her MPA in 1990, is the political director of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the nation’s largest lesbian and gay political advocacy organization. She is responsible for the organization’s \$1.2 million political action committee, as well as leading a team of professional advocates in formulating and advancing HRC’s public policy agenda on Capitol Hill and in the administration.

Stachelberg joined HRC in 1994 as a senior health advocate and helped position the organization as a key player in health advocacy issues such as lesbian health, HIV/AIDS and other health care issues affecting the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. She is a former co-chair of National Organizations Responding to AIDS, a coalition of public health, religious, civil rights and community service organizations advocating for HIV/AIDS policy.

GW’s Department of Public Administration is one of eight departments housed in the University’s School of Business and Public Management, which offers academic excellence in the study, teaching and research of management and policy in the public and private sectors. The program is consistently among the top 20 as ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*.

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**GW LAW SCHOOL AND PARTNERS POOL RESOURCES TO LAUNCH UNIQUE  
INTELLECTUAL LAW PROGRAM IN EUROPE**

**Munich Intellectual Property Law Center and LL.M. Program in Intellectual Property  
Combine Expertise of Four Top Institutions**

**WASHINGTON** – The George Washington University Law School is teaming with The Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Technische Universität München and the University of Augsburg in Germany to launch the “Munich Intellectual Property Law Center” (MIPLC), an institution unique in its form in Europe for education and research in intellectual property.

“We are honored to be a part of this ground-breaking collaboration,” said Michael K. Young, dean of the GW Law School. “GW is an acknowledged leader in intellectual property law in the United States. Forming a partnership with the premier European institutions in the field is a natural progression that reflects our leadership and also emphasizes the international dimensions of our program.”

The MIPLC provides a unique opportunity for its partners to combine complementary strengths. While some U.S. law and business schools offer specialized courses of study in intellectual property law to meet the demand for this expertise in business, government and science, there are very few comparable educational opportunities in Europe. The Intellectual Property LL.M. Program at the MIPLC, which will begin its first semester in October 2003, will close this gap. Renowned experts from each of the four MIPLC partners, including GW Law professors Robert Brauneis, Martin J. Adelman, Dawn Nunziato, John Duffy and The Honorable Randall R. Rader, will work together with preeminent academics and practitioners from around the world.

“Our involvement with the MIPLC will ensure that our professors and students gain a global perspective on intellectual property,” said Robert Brauneis, GW Law representative for the managing committee partnership. “The knowledge and relationships we build will enable the Law School to stay on the cutting edge of intellectual property law.”

One of MIPLC’s most important aims is to provide comprehensive training in a one-year program for both researchers and practitioners. The program is directed to university graduates from all over the world who want to work in the field of intellectual property, especially as attorneys, patent agents, judges, business experts, scientists, engineers and university faculty members. Beyond providing a strong foundation in all international and national fields of law relevant to intellectual property, the program will place particular emphasis on practical applications and on the understanding of business implications of intellectual property.

The GW Law School has one of the oldest specialized intellectual property law programs in the world, and its involvement with intellectual property matters dates back even further. By the time the Law School started a Master of Patent Law program in 1895, its alumni had already written the patents for Bell's telephone, Mergenthaler's linotype machine, and Eastman's roll film camera, and dozens of its alumni had worked in the U.S. Patent Office. GW Law alumni were also responsible for obtaining and enforcing patents for additional breakthrough innovations, including the Wright brothers' airplane, Fermi and Szilard's nuclear reactor and Cohen and Boyer's cloning technique. They also distinguished themselves as government officials, judges, and leaders of the bar in patent, copyright and trademark law and related areas.

GW's patent law program is considered one of the best programs in the country. The GW Law School continues to bolster its expertise in patent law with complementary strengths in copyright, trademark, communications, computer and internet regulation, electronic commerce, genetics and medicine. The program was most recently ranked second in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

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## **GW STUDENTS RAISE MORE THAN \$3,100 FOR U.S. TROOPS IN IRAQ**

### **Newly Formed Student Organization Holds Auction to Bring Students Together in Support of U.S. Troops**

**WASHINGTON** – A newly formed student group at The George Washington University – the Future Military Officers Association (FMOA) – recently celebrated its establishment with a date auction that earned more than \$3,100 to go towards care packages for U.S. troops in Iraq.

FMOA members created the idea to plan a charity event for U.S. Armed Forces as a kick-off for their organization at the beginning of troop deployments to Iraq. FMOA found co-sponsors for the auction in the GW Program Board, the Student Association and the Panhellenic Association. Students from the Army ROTC program – offered at Georgetown University in cooperation with GW – the Panhellenic Association and the Interfraternity Council volunteered to be auctioned off as dates to raise the money. These groups worked together to garner sponsorships and donations from several area restaurants and entrepreneurs and to plan the fundraiser.

“Our vision was to create a group that would allow all ROTC cadets to unite for philanthropic, social and educational purposes, and to build relations between ROTC and non-ROTC students on campus, in order to reduce stereotypes and increase positive outputs,” said Christina Fanitzi, executive vice president of FMOA and a GW senior. “The date auction exceeded all of our expectations and was a great event for FMOA and all of GW.”

FMOA is working closely with the United Service Organizations (USO) – which is sponsoring Operation USO Cares and is the only organization able to send care packages into Iraq – and the U.S. Army Public Affairs Office to ship care packages to U.S. troops in Iraq. The money raised at GW should support more than 75 care packages to be sent to men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Fanitzi and John Mooney, a GW senior – both senior cadets in the Army ROTC program – collaborated to create FMOA as an avenue for ROTC cadets to come together and program in a university setting. FMOA is for students from all ROTC branches and those that wish to pursue a career in the military.

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**GW LAW PROFESSOR SEAN D. MURPHY HONORED BY  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**

**WASHINGTON** – At its annual meeting in Washington, D.C., the American Society of International Law (ASIL) honored Associate Professor of Law Sean D. Murphy for his new book, “United States Practice in International Law, 1999-2001” (Cambridge 2002). Professor Murphy received the ASIL’s “Special Mention for High Technical Craft.” The ASIL is the premier membership organization in the United States dedicated to advancing the study of international law.

“Sean has made a significant impact within our academic community,” said Michael K. Young, dean of The George Washington University Law School. “We are thrilled to have such a leader in international law as a member of our faculty.”

Before joining the Law School faculty in 1998, Murphy served as legal counselor at the U.S. Embassy in The Hague, arguing several cases before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and representing the U.S. government in matters before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the Permanent Court of Arbitration and The Hague Conference on Private International Law.

“Receiving this award is a great honor, especially because it comes from the premier scholarly society in the field of international law,” said Murphy. “I hope that the book will continue to be recognized as a valuable resource in years to come.”

Earlier this year, Murphy argued on behalf of the United States government before the ICJ in *Oil Platforms (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)*.

Between 1987 and 1995 he served in the U.S. Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser, primarily advising on matters relating to international environmental law, international claims, and politico-military affairs. Murphy is a member of the board of editors of the *American Journal of International Law* and serves on the executive council of the American Society of International Law.

Established in 1865, The George Washington University Law School is the oldest law school in the District of Columbia. Its international, intellectual property and environmental law programs are regularly ranked in the top 10 among U.S. law schools.

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**GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA AND GW GRADUATE, MARK R. WARNER,  
TO KEYNOTE GW'S COMMENCEMENT ON THE ELLIPSE MAY 18**

**Jazz Legend Billy Taylor, Former IRS Commissioner Sheldon Cohen, and Journalist and Advocate  
for Women in the Sciences Madeleine Jacobs To Also Receive Honorary Degrees**

*Washington, D.C.* – Governor of Virginia, entrepreneur and GW graduate Mark R. Warner will deliver the keynote address to more than 5,400 graduates of the Class of 2003 at The George Washington University's Commencement on the Ellipse, Sunday, May 18, at 10 a.m. Over 20,000 people are expected to attend this year's ceremony on the Ellipse, the historic park located between the White House and the Washington Monument.

Also receiving honorary degrees will be Billy Taylor, renowned jazz pianist, composer, conductor, lecturer and author with a career spanning seven decades; Sheldon S. Cohen, former Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service and one of the world's most renowned authorities on tax law; and Madeleine Jacobs, editor-in-chief of *Chemical & Engineering News* and one of the nation's leading advocates for women in the sciences.

"Mark Warner is a true GW success story," said President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. "His business acumen, leadership qualities and devotion to public service set a proud example for our graduates and we are honored to have him speak at our Commencement."

As Governor, **Mark R. Warner** has led an administration committed to bipartisanship, inclusiveness, and accountability. In his first two years in office, he delivered a balanced budget, while preserving funds for law enforcement, public education and social services. Economic growth and job creation are top priorities for Warner. Since taking office, he has announced more than 22,000 new jobs, totaling more than \$2.32 billion in private investment in the state. In addition, in Fall 2002, Warner led a bipartisan, statewide campaign to secure more than \$1 billion in bonds for investments in higher education, museums and state parks.

Warner grew up in a middle-class family where he learned the value of hard work, faith and family, and the importance of a good education. With the help of student loans and a few part-time jobs, Warner became the first in his family to graduate from college, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree from GW in 1977 and a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1980. Instead of practicing law, Warner followed a different passion – business. In the early 1980's, he started his first successful company and went on to become the founding partner of Columbia Capital Corporation, a technology venture capital fund responsible for starting more than 65 businesses and employing more than 15,000 workers. Before becoming governor, Warner started the Virginia Health Care Foundation, which has provided health care to more than 400,000 underserved Virginians in rural and urban areas.

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Jazz legend **Billy Taylor**, a native of North Carolina, moved to New York City in the 1940's and played with such jazz greats as Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie and Billie Holiday. In the years since, he has performed primarily with his own group, the Billy Taylor Trio. For nearly a decade, Taylor has served the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts as artistic advisor for jazz. Since the early 1980's, Taylor has been an arts correspondent for CBS' *Sunday Morning* (he received an Emmy Award for his profile of Quincy Jones). He hosted National Public Radio's 26-part series Billy Taylor's Jazz at the Kennedy Center and has written some 350 songs and more than a dozen books about jazz. When he's not touring, composing or recording, Taylor can be found in classrooms throughout the country conducting master classes, workshops and lectures/demonstrations.

**Sheldon S. Cohen**, senior counsel with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Washington, D.C., was appointed Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service in 1964 by President Lyndon Johnson – the youngest person ever appointed to that position. Cohen also served as General Counsel to the Democratic National Committee and assisted the United Nations in creating tax systems for developing countries. A native Washingtonian, Cohen earned his Bachelor of Arts degree with special honors from GW in 1950 and received his Juris Doctor degree with highest honors from GW Law School in 1952. Cohen was a member of the adjunct faculty of the GW Law School for more than 20 years. He became a member of the University's Board of Trustees in 1980, serving as Chairman from 2000-2001. In 2002, Cohen was elected Trustee Emeritus.

**Madeleine Jacobs**, scientist and journalist, earned her Bachelor of Science degree with distinction and special honors in 1968 from GW, where she majored in chemistry. After a year of graduate school, Jacobs joined the staff of *Chemical & Engineering News* and became the magazine's expert on gender inequality among scientists. Jacobs joined the Smithsonian Institution in 1979 as chief science writer. Among other things, she launched the nationally syndicated Smithsonian News Service and oversaw the publication of three periodicals. In 1986, she became the Director of the Office of Public Affairs where she served as the principal media spokesperson for the entire Institution. In 1995, Jacobs returned to *Chemical and Engineering News*, where she has overseen the magazines' editorial expansion and introduced a fully online edition. Among Jacobs' more than three dozen national awards are the Smithsonian Institution Secretary's Gold Medal for Exceptional Service and the American Chemical Society Award for Encouraging Women into Careers in the Chemical Sciences.

The GW Commencement on the Ellipse is one of several events for graduates the weekend of May 16-18. For the second consecutive year, the "alternate " site location for Commencement will be the MCI Center – meaning in the event that circumstances dictate a change of venue on May 18, the GW Commencement will take place at the indoor facility.

Located four blocks from the White House, The George Washington University was created by an Act of Congress in 1821. Today, GW is the largest institution of higher education in the nation's capital. The University offers comprehensive programs of undergraduate and graduate liberal arts study as well as degree programs in medicine, law, engineering, education, business/public management and international affairs. Each year, GW enrolls a diverse population of 20,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and 120 countries.

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## **GW STUDY FINDS RACIAL PROFILING VIEWED AS WIDESPREAD ACROSS AMERICA**

### **GW Professors Ronald Weitzer and Steven Tuch Found Almost Half of Blacks and a Quarter of Hispanics in the U.S. Believe They Were Victims of Racial Profiling by Police**

**WASHINGTON** — A large gulf separates minorities and whites on the issue of racial profiling, according to a recent poll of African-Americans, Hispanics and whites released by two George Washington University Sociology Professors, Ronald Weitzer and Steven Tuch. Almost half of blacks in the sample and a quarter of Hispanics believe that they have been the victims of racial profiling by police. Significant numbers of both blacks and Hispanics also report that someone in their household has experienced profiling: a third of blacks and a fifth of Hispanics. Almost no whites believe that they have been subjected to racial profiling.

The nationally representative survey of African-Americans, Hispanics and whites living in urban and suburban areas in the U.S. was completed in December of 2002 as part of a public opinion poll focusing on police practices and behavior. Results of the research are contained in a new report, *Racial Profiling in America: The Public's Perceptions and Experiences*, and will be presented by Weitzer and Tuch at the annual meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research in Nashville in May. The study was funded by the National Institute of Justice.

The poll found substantial consensus that racial profiling is wrong: 9 in 10 blacks and three-quarters of whites and Hispanics disapprove of the practice. Moreover, most of those who disapprove of profiling appear to be strongly attached to this position, even when confronted with the hypothetical possibility that profiling "works." Respondents who disapprove of profiling were asked, "Suppose studies show that racial profiling helps to catch criminals. Would you still disapprove of profiling?" Clear majorities of blacks, whites and Hispanics said they would still disapprove of the practice.

Among those who approve of profiling, by contrast, approval is somewhat softer. Those who initially approved of profiling exhibited a greater tendency to change their views if confronted by evidence showing profiling to be ineffective at catching criminals (the hypothetical that "racial profiling does not help to catch criminals"). 62 percent of blacks, 53 percent of Hispanics and 58 percent of whites said they would no longer approve of the practice under this condition.

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Whether they support or reject racial profiling, large majorities of each group – 92 percent of blacks, 83 percent of Hispanics and 69 percent of whites – believe that profiling is widespread in the United States. Moreover, majorities of blacks and Hispanics believe that black or Hispanic drivers are more likely than whites to be stopped by police for the same kinds of traffic violations; only a third of whites concur.

The survey also included questions about reforms that might be undertaken to reduce the incidence of racial profiling in America. A majority of the public believes that requiring police officers to record information about the persons they stop – for example, their race, age and gender as well as the reason for the stop – might deter racially motivated stops. However, whites are somewhat more likely than others, especially blacks, to see benefits in such a practice: 66 percent of whites compared to 57 percent of blacks and 62 percent of Hispanics believe that recording such information will help to prevent profiling. Minorities are apparently less optimistic about the possibilities of reducing profiling by simply mandating the collection of information on drivers stopped by officers.

While many police departments have resisted calls for recording such information on the grounds that it will waste officer time and interfere with police work, the overwhelming majority of Americans reject this argument. Most blacks, whites, and Hispanics reject the idea that police work would be hampered by the collection of such information.

According to the study, Americans believe that racial profiling is not inevitable and can be reduced with the help of certain reforms. In addition to recording information on drivers stopped by police, the study points to several other changes that might reduce profiling, including (1) requiring police officers to explain to persons they have stopped the reasons for the stop; (2) giving officers more sensitivity training to improve their treatment of minorities; and (3) installing video cameras in police cars to monitor police behavior. Majorities of whites, blacks and Hispanics endorse each of these practices, but blacks and Hispanics are much more likely than whites to say that sensitivity training and video cameras in police cars would improve police conduct “a lot.” Weitzer and Tuch note that many progressive police departments have already instituted these reforms.

The findings are part of a larger study of citizen opinions of the police. The sample consisted of 1,792 respondents 18 years of age and older. In addition to racial profiling, the study also examined other types of police misconduct, community policing, and support for various reforms in police practices.

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**NEW KIND OF OPTICAL PROBE DEVELOPED BY GW AND DUKE ENGINEERS**

**Miniaturized Scanner Might Someday Detect Abnormalities in Colon or Esophagus**

**WASHINGTON** – Engineering researchers from The George Washington University and Duke University have pooled their knowledge to design a vibrating optical scanner miniaturized enough to be inserted into the body where its light beams could someday detect abnormalities hidden within the walls of the colon or esophagus.

The experimental device, called an electrostatic micromachine scanning mirror for optical coherence tomography, is described in an article published in the April 15, 2003, issue of the research journal *Optics Letters*. Once approved for use in hospitals and clinics, it would provide a new dimension for various endoscopy procedures.

Using tiny electrically activated artificial muscle fibers to vibrate a gold-covered mirror only about 2 millimeters wide (about the thickness of a nickel), the prototype device broadcasts a special type of quasi-laser light that can not only scan internal organ surfaces but also peer slightly deeper.

Key researchers in the miniaturization effort are Jason Zara, an assistant professor of engineering and applied science at GW, and Stephen Smith, a professor of biomedical engineering at Duke's Pratt School of Engineering in Durham, N.C.

"This new device has shown great promise for new diagnostic applications," said Zara. "It's creation and development is the direct result of an ongoing collaboration between GW and Duke."

Zara, a former graduate student of Smith's at Duke, is lead author of the *Optics Letters* report. Co-authors include Smith; Joseph Izatt, an associate professor of biomedical engineering at the Pratt School; and Izatt's former graduate student Siavash Yazdanfar and former postdoctoral research associate at Duke, K. Divakar Rao.

Izatt, who leads biophotonics research activities at Duke's Fitzpatrick Center for Photonics and Communications Systems, is a leader in the budding optical scanning technology that Zara and Smith have scaled down to fit into catheters.

Zara and Smith designed a system that includes a tiny mirror that vibrates up to 2,000 times a second on hinges just 3 millionths of a meter wide. The mirror quivers in response to the action of more than one-half million microscopic energy-storing capacitors arranged in parallel strips of the flexible plastic polyimide.

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This arrangement acts like "artificial muscle," Smith said. "When a voltage is applied to each of these capacitors, they contract. That pulls the mirror to the right. When the voltage is turned off, the mirror then swings back to the left."

As the voltage rapidly switches on and off and the mirror vibrates, a beam of light from a fiber optic cable is reflected onto a tissue surface in a sweeping pattern. This repeat scanning produces optical images of the tissues' outer layers.

The idea of using light as a deeper probe, called Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT), was pioneered at MIT, where Izatt was a graduate student. He continued studying it while on the faculty of Case Western Reserve University before coming to Duke.

"The standard endoscope gives a physician an internal view of organ surfaces with white light," Izatt said. "What OCT does is look below those surfaces. It can look up to about a millimeter and a half deep into the organs and that's important, because carcinomas can extend down that deep. A physician's normal view of the surface would not see a cancer there, but we can see it with OCT because we are looking underneath."

Izatt acknowledged that light waves cannot penetrate near as far into the skin as ultrasound, a competing technology that uses sound waves to image internal structures. On the other hand, wavelengths of light are much shorter than those of sound. As a result, "OCT's resolution is much greater," Izatt said.

The *Optics Letters* article also included results of several micromachine scans of biological tissue. One examined the lining of an excised pig colon. A second probed the cornea and iris of an excised pig's eye in vitro. A third imaged the underside of a human fingertip.

OCT currently has U.S. Food and Drug Administration clinical approval only for scanning the eye's retina, where the procedure is widely used, Izatt said. It is also being evaluated for various possible imaging uses in the gastrointestinal tract, the lungs, the bladder, the cervix and in coronary arteries, he added.

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**GW ECONOMIST GRACIELA KAMINSKY TAPPED AS NEWEST MEMBER  
OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH**

**Kaminsky will Serve as a Research Associate in the Bureau's  
International Finance and Macroeconomics Program**

**WASHINGTON** – Graciela Kaminsky, professor of economics and international affairs, has been selected as a research associate in the International Finance and Macroeconomics Program of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

NBER is the nation's leading nonprofit economic research institute. The organization is comprised of economists, whose research has a significant impact in the economic policy arena.

"This was a very pleasant, but not unexpected, announcement," said Harry Watson, chair of the GW Department of Economics. "Professor Kaminsky is very well-regarded researcher in international finance and certainly merits membership in the National Bureau of Economic Research. The department and the Elliott School of International Affairs are fortunate that she is here; her work has added materially to the visibility of both the department and the school."

Kaminsky joined the economics department in 1998 as its senior faculty member in international finance. She has published widely in international finance and her research, in areas such as currency crises and international financial market instability, is well-known.

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**CAROL BROWNER, FORMER EPA ADMINISTRATOR, TO ADDRESS  
STUDENTS OF GW'S SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT  
APRIL 23**

**Browner will Discuss Environmental Policy as Part of GW's Earthweek Plus Events**

**EVENT:** Carol Browner, former administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and current principal of The Albright Group, will discuss **"Environmental Policy and Politics: Trends and Prospects"** as part of The George Washington University's Earthweek Plus Events of 2003. This event is free and open to the public.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. .

**WHERE:** The George Washington University  
Marvin Center, Room 310  
800 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, Washington, D.C.  
(Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Orange and Blue Lines)

**Background:**

Carol M. Browner is a principal of The Albright Group, an international advisory firm. Prior to forming the group, she was appointed by President Clinton to his Cabinet in January 1993 as administrator of the EPA. Her term as head of the EPA, from 1993 to 2001, is the longest in U.S. history. Ms. Browner served as Florida State Secretary of the Environment before joining the EPA.

GW's School of Business and Public Management, located in Washington, D.C., prepares students for professional management careers. It offers Environmental Policy and Management concentrations in its Master of Business Administration and Master of Public Policy programs. GW was named among the Top 5 "Cutting Edge MBA Programs" for training MBA students in social and environmental stewardship in "Beyond Grey Pinstripes: Preparing MBAs for Social and Environmental Stewardship," a report released jointly by the World Resources Institute and Aspen Institute Initiative for Social Innovation through Business. For more information about the GW MBA visit [www.sbp.mba.gwu.edu](http://www.sbp.mba.gwu.edu).

**This event is cosponsored by the GW SBPM Environmental and Social Sustainability Initiative, [www.gwu.edu/~essi](http://www.gwu.edu/~essi), and the Metropolitan Washington Environmental Professionals, [www.mwep.org](http://www.mwep.org).**

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**GW'S DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS FACULTY ARTIST SERIES,  
"FIVE FOR FOUR: CHAMBER MUSIC "**

**APRIL 30**

**WHAT:** The George Washington University Department of Music presents the Faculty Artist Series, "Five for Four: Chamber Music," featuring GW music instructors David Lonkevich, Alice Mikolajewski, Amy Reiff and Nancy Jo Snider.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 30, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Western Presbyterian Church  
2401 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.  
(Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** \$5 - General Public; \$2 - Students and Senior Citizens.  
Tickets available at the door.

**BACKGROUND:**

The program features selections from **Franz Danzi** (1763-1826), **Lee Hoiby** (b. 1926), **Bohuslav Martinu** (1890-1959), **Francis Poulenc** (1899-1963) and **Maurice Ravel** (1875-1937). The faculty artists performance of Lee Hoiby's "The Life of the Bee," will be a Washington, D.C. premiere.

**David Lonkevich** is a solo, chamber and orchestral flutist who appears regularly as a guest with The Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra and the National Theatre Orchestra. **Alice Mikolajewski** is a pianist who has worked and performed with area organizations such as Opera Americana, Alexandria Choral Society and Musikanten. **Amy Reiff** is a mezzo-soprano, whose repertoire includes more than 30 operetta and operetta roles, and solo performances with the Arlington Symphony, the Canton Symphony, the Bozeman Symphony, the Annapolis Chorale, the Akron Symphony Chorus and the Capitol Hill Choral Society. **Nancy Jo Snider** is a member of Baltimore Opera Orchestra and performs with the Washington Concert Opera and The Virginia Chamber Orchestra as a violincellist. She also plays the baroque cello with Washington Bach Consort, Washington Monteverdi Singers and Violins of Lafayette.

The George Washington University takes pride in the important and active role of music in its academic programs and campus life. GW's Department of Music has a full- and part-time faculty that includes well-known performers, teachers and several members of the National Symphony Orchestra and the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra.

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## **GW PROFESSOR DAINA STUKULS EGLITIS RECEIVES FULBRIGHT SENIOR SPECIALIST GRANT IN SOCIOLOGY TO TEACH IN LATVIA**

**WASHINGTON** — Daina Stukuls Eglitis, assistant professor at The George Washington University Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (CCAS), was awarded a Fulbright Senior Specialists grant in sociology at Riga Stradins University (RSU) in Riga, Latvia. Eglitis will teach a comparative course on the sociology of sex and gender using cases from the U.S. and East Europe, especially Latvia. This class is the first of its kind at RSU.

“This is exciting not only because Professor Eglitis will be breaking new ground at RSU in Latvia, but because she will return to GW with unique experiences to share with GW students and faculty,” Donald R. Lehman, executive vice president for Academic Affairs said.

The program runs for five-weeks, beginning the end of April. While in Latvia, Eglitis will be participating in a conference on culture and society where she will discuss her research on gender and family transformation in a post-communist society. Finally, she will take part in a seminar about pedagogy in the teaching of theory – this will be another first for Latvia.

Professor Eglitis is well aware of Latvian issues and has published many articles and dedicated a chapter in her book, *Imagining the Nation: History, Modernity, and Revolution in Latvia*, to gender issues in the country. “I am looking forward to teaching students who are interested in gender, but have had little exposure to theoretical perspectives and the empirical research in the field,” Eglitis said. “I am also eager to learn from my students, as I have always felt that I gain no less knowledge than I impart when I teach.”

The Fulbright Senior Specialists Program offers grants to leading U.S. academics and professionals to support curricular, faculty development and institutional planning at academic institutions in 140 countries. Created to complement the traditional Fulbright Scholar Program, the Senior Specialists Program aims to increase the mutual understanding between people in the United States and people of other countries. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and managed by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars.

The Department of Sociology at The George Washington University Columbian College of Arts and Sciences provides students with a unique opportunity to develop sociological knowledge and skills in applying theory, data collection, methods and analytical skills to a wide range of social phenomena.

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## **GW HIPPODROME WELCOMES NEW FACES TO THE "WALL OF FAME"**

**Nineteen Members of the GW Community to be Honored at  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Wall of Fame" Signing Ceremony  
May 1**

**EVENT:** The George Washington University will formally recognize students, faculty and professional staff members who have "left their mark" on GW's campus through their contributions to the University and the community. Each person being recognized will have a caricature placed on the "Wall of Fame." The 4<sup>th</sup> annual list of honorees includes **Louis Katz**, executive vice president and treasurer, **Kathy Napper**, director of undergraduate admissions, **James Miller**, professor of English and American studies and winner of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District of Columbia Professor of the Year Award, and **Brett Kaplan**, a senior who is general manager of WRGW.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 1, 2003  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The George Washington University  
Marvin Center, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Hippodrome  
800 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro Station, Orange and Blue lines)

### **BACKGROUND:**

The "Wall of Fame," located on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the GW Marvin Center, recognizes not only those who have occupied formal leadership positions or have received service awards, but calls to mind all those GW students, staff and faculty who have contributed to the quality of student life at The George Washington University. GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg was recognized with a place on the "Wall" in 2001.

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**GW ALUMNUS AND LEADING CHINA SCHOLAR TO DISCUSS  
“LEGAL REFORM IN CHINA”  
APRIL 30**

**Elliott School’s 2003 Distinguished Alumni Scholar Pitman Potter (B.A. ’78)  
To Lecture on Chinese Legal Reforms**

**EVENT:** Leading China scholar and practicing attorney Pitman Potter, professor of law and director of Chinese legal studies at the University of British Columbia (UBC), will speak about “Legal Reform in China,” at The George Washington University.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 30, 2003  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The George Washington University  
The Elliott School of International Affairs  
1957 E Street, N.W., Lindner Commons Room 602  
Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** The lecture is free and open to the public.

**BACKGROUND:**

Pitman Potter is the 2003 recipient of The George Washington University’s Distinguished Alumni Scholar Award. Potter, a practicing lawyer, advises governments and companies on projects in China involving intellectual property protection, innovation and economic development; the interplay between globalization and local norms on property rights; and legal and political issues attendant to China’s application to join the World Trade Organization.

Potter's teaching and research are focused on law and policy in China and Taiwan in the areas of foreign trade and investment, dispute resolution, intellectual property, business regulation and human rights.

Potter is the director of the Institute of Asian Research at UBC. He received his B.A. degree in Chinese studies from the Elliott School in 1978 and his M.A. (1980), Ph.D. (1986) and J.D. degrees from the University of Washington. Prior to taking his appointment with the UBC Law Faculty in 1990, Potter practiced law full time during 1985-1990, including a three-year posting in Beijing as a resident attorney.

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**ACADEMY AWARD WINNING FILMMAKER SYDNEY POLLACK  
SPEAKS ON "POLITICS IN FILM" AT GW  
MAY 2**

**GW's Elliott School Teams with Filmfest DC for a Dialogue on Art and Politics with  
Director/Producer/Actor Sydney Pollack**

**EVENT:** Roundtable discussion with Director/Actor/Producer Sydney Pollack about his work and the relationship between politics and art in the film industry. Harvey Feigenbaum, associate dean at The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs will host this program.

**WHEN:** Friday, May 2, 2003  
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The George Washington University  
Elliott School of International Affairs  
1957 E Street, NW, Room 213  
Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** This event is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.  
Seats available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**BACKGROUND:**

Can the art of film be separated from the turmoil of the world around us? Can art have meaning independent of a world dominated by politics? In the 1960s, young demonstrators motivated by their opposition to a different war asserted, "If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem!" This roundtable examines the relationship between aesthetics and conflict from both points of view.

**Sydney Pollack's** credits include producing more than 30 films and directing 19 features, and can be seen acting in many of them. He has won numerous awards for his work, including an Emmy Award and two Oscars. His film, *Havana*, about the final days of Cuba under the collapsing Batista regime and starring Robert Redford and Lina Olin, will be screened by Filmfest DC on Thursday, May 1 at the Avalon Theater. For more information visit [www.filmfestdc.org](http://www.filmfestdc.org).

**Harvey Feigenbaum** is an expert on the political economy of Western Europe and a specialist on France. He is currently writing a book on the political economy of the entertainment industry, focusing on the United States, France and Britain.

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**U.S. FOREIGN POLICY COLLOQUIUM FOR CHINESE STUDENTS LAUNCHED BY  
GW's ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS**

**The Coca-Cola Company Supports Three-Year Venture to Promote U.S.-China Relations**

**WASHINGTON** – The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs and the National Committee on United States-China Relations have announced an innovative new program aimed at preparing Chinese and American students to meet the challenges of building a future of peace and prosperity together.

The inaugural **U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium** will bring together 200 graduate students from the People's Republic of China currently studying in the United States for a three-day, in-depth examination of American foreign policy June 5-8, 2003 at GW. Twenty-five American graduate students majoring in U.S. foreign policy also will participate. Students will interact with current and former Administration officials and members of Congress, as well as representatives from academia, the military, think tanks, the media and lobbyists to help them understand the complexity of the foreign policy-making process in American society.

"This is an excellent opportunity and a perfect chance to showcase the Elliott School's outstanding faculty, many of whom will be presenters," said Elliott School Dean Harry Harding. "We are pleased to be hosting this important colloquium and look forward to welcoming this highly qualified group of Chinese students."

The comprehensive program will include lectures, a simulation of foreign policy-making, site visits and opportunities for Chinese students to share their thoughts with prominent policy-makers. The project has been underwritten by a generous grant from The Coca-Cola Company.

"The program is designed to demonstrate the many voices that contribute to American foreign policy-making," said National Committee President John Holden. "We have planned a wide variety of activities, maximizing interaction between students and presenters. Thus, students can understand the process and issues surrounding U.S. foreign policy, and presenters can obtain a better understanding of the mutual perceptions of the younger generations of Chinese and Americans."

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“We believe in promoting greater understanding between American students and their Chinese counterparts, and we are delighted to support this exciting new program,” said Steve Chan, chairman of Coca-Cola China.

The Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University is one of America’s leading professional schools of international affairs. Its world-renowned faculty provides students, the policy community and the public with in-depth analysis of international economic, scientific and political issues and the historical and cultural factors shaping them. The Elliott School prepares students for an extensive range of international affairs careers in the business, nonprofit and governmental sectors. The school’s alumni can be found in leading decision-making positions all over the world.

The National Committee on United States-China Relations is a nonprofit educational organization that encourages understanding of China and the United States among citizens of both countries. The committee focuses its exchange, educational and policy activities on international relations, economic development and management, governance and legal affairs, education administration, environmental and other global concerns, and mass communication, addressing these issues with respect to the People's Republic, Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan. The Committee's programs draw strength from its members, who now number more than 700 Americans from all parts of the country and nearly 70 corporations and professional firms. They represent many viewpoints, but share the belief that productive U.S.-China relations require ongoing public education, face-to-face contact and forthright exchange of ideas.

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**GW LAW STUDENTS WIN FINAL ROUND OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW  
MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

**WASHINGTON** – A team of four George Washington University Law School foreign Masters of Law (LL.M.) students won the first annual Sidley-IIEL World Trade Organization (WTO) Moot Court Competition held recently at Georgetown University.

The winning GW team, which also received the award for “Best Written Memorial,” consisted of foreign graduate law students who are pursuing the LL.M. The students and their respective home countries are as follows: Marilyne Goncalves (France), Patricia Madrazo Cordero (Mexico), Gheiza M. Neves Dias (Brazil) and Ingibjorg Olof Vilhjalmsdottir (Iceland).

“The students, whose native languages are French, Spanish, Portugese and Icelandic, briefed and argued their case in English before esteemed bodies of international lawyers,” said Susan L. Karamanian, associate dean for international and comparative legal studies. “They prevailed due to their persuasive skills and keen knowledge of complex international trade issues. We commend each of the participants, the law firm of Sidley Austin Brown and Wood LLP and the Institute for International Economic Law for an excellent competition.”

A second GW Law team, consisting of first-year law students Zachary E. Redman, Andrew R. McFall, Andres Perez and Michelle T. Meade also gave an impressive performance. McFall won the competition’s overall award for “Best Oralist.”

The Sidley - IIEL WTO Moot Court Competition is co-sponsored by Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP and the Institute of International Economic Law at the Georgetown University Law Center. The competition provides a unique opportunity to get hands-on experience with and insight into the dynamic issues of trade law that confront governments, business and the public. The organizers and judges for the competition include government officials, trade practitioners and academics experienced in WTO dispute settlement and WTO law.

Teams participating in the competition are required to present written and oral submissions before a panel based on a moot court problem of international trade law. Teams represent both the complainant and respondent countries to the dispute at least once in the course of the preliminary rounds. The two most successful teams then advanced to the “Championship Round.”

Established in 1865, The George Washington University Law School is the oldest law school in the District of Columbia. Its international, intellectual property and environmental law programs are regularly ranked in the top 10 among U.S. law schools.

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## **GW STUDENT GROUPS UNITE TO SUPPORT U.S. TROOPS**

### **Yellow Ribbon Campaign Co-Sponsored by College Republicans, College Democrats and Black Student Union**

**WASHINGTON** – Members of the College Republicans, College Democrats and the Black Student Union at The George Washington University are co-sponsoring a yellow ribbon campaign to express their wishes for the safe return of American troops abroad.

Students from these groups have distributed more than 500 yellow ribbons to students at the J Street food services area in the Cloyd Heck Marvin Center. The College Republicans, College Democrats and Black Student Union chipped in to purchase the ribbons and to help distribute the ribbons around campus.

“This campaign has been a complete success,” said Dan Moss, chair of the College Republicans. “It is great to see so many students and student groups come together without political motives, but simply to show we are wishing for a safe return of U.S. troops.”

“This was not about political affiliation, this was purely about supporting those who dedicate their lives to defending our freedom, security and our ideals,” said Chivonne K. Romney, president of the Black Student Union.

“It’s important to note that the yellow ribbon campaign is one in which we are involved because as Americans we should support our troops abroad, no matter what our feelings are on the war itself,” said Ryan Hutcherson, president of the College Democrats. “Wearing the ribbon doesn’t mean that one supports the war necessarily and the aims behind it, but simply that there is support for the troops who are fighting.”

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**GW's LUTHER W. BRADY ART GALLERY PRESENTS**

***CLARICE SMITH: PAINTINGS***

**MAY 2 – 29**

**EVENT:** *Clarice Smith: Paintings* features 19 oil paintings by GW alumna Clarice Smith at The George Washington University's Luther W. Brady Art Gallery.

**WHEN:** Exhibition Dates: Friday, May 2, 2003 – Thursday, May 29, 2003  
Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The George Washington University  
Luther W. Brady Art Gallery  
Media and Public Affairs Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
805 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

**COST:** Free and open to the public

**BACKGROUND:**

Clarice Smith captures the essence of place, individuality of a subject and mood of the moment in her 19 paintings on view at the Luther W. Brady Art Gallery. She has stated, "I paint the world I live in, the things I know," such as the dynamism of a horse in motion and the heavy atmosphere surrounding a particular road in the Scottish Highlands. Smith infuses conventional stylistic approaches to painting and composition with touches of her own invention. Patterning found in nature, people and objects is of paramount interest to Smith, and serves as the springboard for her compositions.

In her career of almost 30 years of painting, the visual artist remains a passionate traveler and student of art history. Smith received her Bachelor of Arts (1976) and Master of Fine Arts (1979) degrees from GW. She was on the faculty of the Department of Fine Arts and Art History from 1980 to 1987. She has had solo exhibitions at prestigious galleries both here and abroad, including Richard Green, London, England; Wildenstein, New York, New York; Kennedy Galleries, New York, New York; and David Koetser Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland. A seven-museum tour of her work *Clarice Smith: Remembered Moments*, included a stop at GW's Dimock Gallery in 1986. The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, exhibited *Clarice Smith: Paintings* in 1988, and her work has been included in exhibitions at The National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C. Smith actively advises several cultural and civic organizations in the Washington, D.C. area.

At a recent tribute (April 2, 2003) to the District of Columbia's first elected mayor, Walter E. Washington, current mayor Anthony Williams unveiled a portrait of Washington painted by Smith. The portrait will be on display at The City Museum of Washington, D.C.

**For more information, call GW's University Art Galleries at (202) 994-1525.  
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**OPEN SOURCE EXPERTS JOIN GW'S CYBER SECURITY POLICY  
AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

**GW Institute a Leader in Policy Issues and Research on Secure Open Source Software**

**WASHINGTON** - The George Washington University is pleased to announce that Brian Behlendorf, Miguel de Icaza, Hans Reiser, Jay Beale, Jeffery "hemos" Bates, Russell Coker and Brian May, all world-renowned leaders in the Open Source movement, have joined its Cyber Security Policy and Research Institute (CSPRI).

"I am quite interested in seeing the public sector adopt Open Source technologies, but even more interested in helping the public sector understand that it can work with the Open Source community to promote open standards, open systems and open government," said Behlendorf, founder of APACHE, a decentralized community of developers working on Open Source software projects. "Governments the world over, from China to Germany to Brazil to Canada, are moving aggressively in this direction. I am honored to be asked to serve in an advisory role on these issues at CSPRI."

"It is exciting to become involved with the CSPRI team, as it will help us promote the use of free software in the government and in the branches of the government that reach the people," said de Icaza, founder of GNOME, a type of Open Source software that provides free and easy-to-use desktop environment for the user, as well as a powerful application framework for the software developer.

"I'm interested in pursuing research and support around understanding how Open Source software is designed and developed, and the social network that is involved in making some of the best software in the world happen," said Bates, founder of Slashdot, a website that bills itself as "News for Nerds. Stuff that Matters." "Additionally, I'm also passionate about adoption and usage of Open Source software in the governmental, educational and commercial realms, for both technological and social reasons. CSPRI is working in all these areas and I'm very happy to join forces with them."

"Open Source brings the greatest potential for operating system security, by allowing users the utmost flexibility to configure and add security mechanisms," said Beale, original author of Bastille-Linux, an Open Source development to "tighten" Unix operating systems. "The most timely examples are the Center for Internet Security's security configuration standards guides and the NSA's extreme security-model for Linux, called SELinux, which CSPRI is working on."

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"We are at a key turning point for the filesystems field. The semantics of the Unix and Linux filesystems have remained essentially unchanged since the 1960s," said Reiser, author of ReiserFS, an Open Source filesystem. "Microsoft is focusing its OS development efforts on a dramatic bid to take the filesystem from the hierarchical semantics of the 60s to the relational semantics of the 70s (SQL). We will take Linux into the new millennium by adding support for semi-structured data querying and modeling. We have started by creating an infrastructure for supporting military-grade security. We have already rewritten the infrastructure supporting the old hierarchical semantics so that they can be upgraded without being discarded. Now, with the assistance of CSPRI, we will be able to start working on these exciting new semantics."

Other new members of the CSPRI team are Russell Coker, a Debian developer doing major work with SELinux, and Brian May, who maintains the Heimdal/Kerberos package in Debian. They join Bruce Perens, Rishab Ghosh, Martin Dean, Adam Turoff, John Viega and Tony Stanco, who are already part of the Open Source team at CSPRI.

CSPRI, established in 1993 at GW's School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS), is one of the Open Source movement's premier venues for policy discussions, and research and development. The institute regularly brings together representatives from local, national and international organizations in both the private and public sectors to address the impact of Open Source on governments around the world by hosting Open Source in Government conferences. It also is involved in Open Source government policy formation, the National Security Agency's Security Enhanced Linux (SELinux) and the NIAP certification of Linux.

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